



Please Join EPA Wednesday, April 11, 2018 For an Open House and Public Hearing On the Ballard Mine Proposed Plan

Where: Soda Springs City Council Room
Soda Springs City Hall
9 West 2nd South
Soda Springs, Idaho, 83276

When: Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Agenda: 3:00 - 5:45 p.m. Open House

Drop in at any time to learn more about selenium contamination in soil and water at the Ballard Mine, and EPA's proposed plan for cleanup. This will be a chance to talk one-on-one with experts, ask questions, and become informed.

6:00 p.m. – EPA presentation then Q&A session

The EPA project manager will present the proposed plan and our preferred alternative for the Ballard Mine Cleanup. Attendees will have a chance to ask questions and discuss the alternatives.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. – Formal comment period

The public is invited to give their comments for the record on the proposed cleanup plan. Final decision on the cleanup will only be made after all public comment is considered.

EPA is accepting comment on the Ballard Mine Proposed Plan April 2 through May 1, 2018

Three ways to submit comments

- Give oral comment at the public hearing April 11, 2018 or hand in written comments
- Email morrison.kay@epa.gov
- Mail Ballard Mine Comments
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Seattle, WA 98101

All comments are considered equally. EPA will place all comments and a summary of EPA's response to the comments in EPA's Administrative Record for the Ballard Mine Site.

Want to know more about the proposed Ballard Mine cleanup?
epa.gov/superfund/ballard-mine

Summary

The Ballard Mine is a former open-pit phosphate mine that includes about 19 million cubic yards of waste rock. The waste rock contains elevated levels of selenium and other elements that have contaminated soil, surface water, sediment, and groundwater, posing a risk to human health and the environment. A 2017 study identified and evaluated a range of cleanup alternatives. EPA's Preferred Alternative combines methods from different alternatives, which includes in part:

- Upland Soil/Waste Rock – grading and consolidation, evapotranspiration cover system, institutional controls, operation and maintenance/long-term monitoring;
- Surface Water – in addition to the cover system, in situ biological (wetlands) treatment of source area seepage;
- Stream Channel Sediment and Riparian Soil – sediment traps/basins, monitored natural recovery, institutional controls;
- Groundwater – in addition to the cover system, limited permeable reactive barrier treatment of alluvial groundwater, monitored natural attenuation, institutional controls; and
- Ore Recovery – mining remaining phosphate ore during implementation of the remedy, contingent on acquiring a mineral lease and authorization from BLM.

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